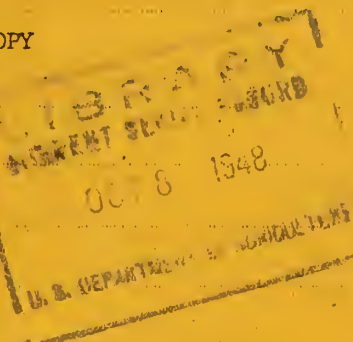


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VARIETY SHOW - Curtain opening at the Agriculture Employees' Variety Show on October 21, will reveal the Agriculture Choristers on stage for their first public appearance of the season. The show, which was at first proposed by the Choristers as a community sing night, has now been expanded to include demonstrations of activities groups. Singing by the audience will, however, remain as a prominent feature of the evening.

Other events of the program, which is to open at 8:30 p.m. in Jefferson Auditorium will include "electronic magic" by the Electronics Club; Latin American Dances by the Social Dance Class; Square Dancing; color "stills" by the Camera Club; and movies, featuring Frank LaMasters' "Growth of a Flower" by the Movie Makers Club. The Red Cross Hostess Group will act in the capacity of ushers.

HALLO'EEN DANCE - PMA Employees Recreation Association announces its first big social event of the fall season. A Hallo'Een Dance is scheduled for Friday evening, October 29, 1948 in the Ball Room of Hotel 2400 - 2400 16th. St., N.W. Dancing will be from 9 to 12 with music by Cy Broughton's "The Music Makers" featuring Cy Broughton with his Piano-acordion. There will be door prizes and favors to fit the Hallo'een season. The tickets will be available from each Branch Representative at \$1.50 per person, including tax. Make your arrangements for a 'sitter' early and come out for a big evening filled with fun.

SURVEY SHOWS AERA MEMBERS SAVING LARGE AMOUNTS BY GROUP PURCHASE PLANS

Of the first 100 replies to a questionnaire distributed to a sample of members of several of the Department recreation associations, the surprising fact was noted that 55% of the AERA members have already made savings in the past few months ranging from 12¢ in the smallest saving record, to \$150, with a considerable number of savings reported in excess of \$50.00.

These savings were made from purchases mainly in the following five classes: Automobile accessories including heaters, batteries, tires, etc., represent 4% of the purchases of electrical equipment and supplies including washing machines, fans, irons, electric mixers, etc. accounted for 10%; Household equipment, furniture, cooking wares, silverware, drapes and canned food were reported by 19%; sporting goods, hobby equipment and supplies including photographic equipment, tricycles, books, boxing gloves, etc. were reported by 25%; and other miscellaneous equipment such as jewelry, drugs, flowers were purchased at a saving by 18% of those reporting. The remaining 25% did not indicate all of the items on which they had made savings by use of their membership cards in their purchases.

Although the sampling survey did not reflect in any large degree the amount of savings made by the special purchase of vitamins available to association members, it is of interest to report here that Agriculture Employees collectively saved somewhat more than \$3,000 in a special vitamin purchasing arrangement which was completed on September 17.

Perhaps the greatest current possibilities for large savings to recreation association members is in a special arrangement for purchase of groceries in case lots, which has been made with one of the centrally located super markets.

The first three weeks in October. Other interesting facts obtained from the first 100 replies in the survey showed that 12% of the group were living in Maryland and 44% living in Virginia and the remainder scattered.

"PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS" is the title of the current production of the Barter Theatre to be presented on Thursday, October 7, at the Arlington Farms Recreation Hall. The appearance of the Barter Theatre players on this date is sponsored by the Agriculture Employees Activities Program and the Arlington Farms Recreation Council. Through this sponsorship, it will be possible to obtain seats at reduced prices for members of Agriculture Employees Recreation Associations as well as for Arlington Farms residents. A limited number of tickets will also be on sale to the public at Mrs. Stablers' Ticket Mart at Lubar's, 13th & G., N.W.

For those of you who may not remember the story of "Pursuit of Happiness" as it appeared in the movies a few years back with Francis Lederer as the star, we will say briefly that this Pursuit occurs in the colonial period of gallant ladies and gentlemen of strong family ties but of rigid social customs. Into this picture comes a Hessian soldier who falls in love with a charming young lady in this society. The Hessian is deserting the British forces in pursuit of happiness but after the couple meet, the trouble really begins.

For those of you whose personal pursuit of happiness requires the witnessing of an occasional dramatic production with live actors that we can see and hear, this looks like the opportunity of the season.

Bring your employee association card to Room 1011, South Building if you want to get your tickets at the reduced price of .90¢ each while they last.

In case you are low on cash or prefer barter, you might follow the example of Hubert Hillerman of PMA who has already traded in 2 pounds of excellent honey, imported from Minnesota, in return for 2 admission tickets.



The Barter Theatre in

"PURSUIT OF
HAPPINESS"

Thurs - Oct. 7

8:30 p.m.

ARLINGTON FARMS
RECREATION HALL

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throughout the various residential zones of D. C. 64% of those replying to the statistical section of the survey indicated they were married; 15% more reported themselves as heads of families and the others indicated themselves to be single. Men replying to the survey outnumbered the replies from women by 15%. While there was no request by the survey for an exact salary, a rough approximation of salary ranges to be checked resulted in an indication of salary ranges of those appearing as follows: 34% of the replies came from folks with incomes between \$2,000 and \$3,000; 19% from those with incomes between \$3,000 and \$4,000 and \$5,000; and the remainder from persons with incomes from \$5,000 and above.

The 55 people who had used their membership cards to obtain discounts or other savings, in their purchases had saved a total of \$932.24 and the average savings was \$16.94.

"What we would like to know now is how can an employee of Agriculture Department afford to not belong to his agency recreation association or to the AERA central organization."

All the replies contained in the survey are anonymous and anyone wishing to examine the survey forms turned in, or wish to make a

RIDERS WANTED:

rs. Elond, x3594, 16th St., Columbia, Md.
 Mrs. Lydia Payne, x5050, Lee Highway & Utah Street, Arlington, Va.
 Mr. Joe McClure, x2260, 1400 North Hancock St., Arlington, Va.
 Warwick Irish, x3549, Lee Highway & Kirkwood Rd., Arlington, Va.
 Ethel Spillars, x4552, Arlington Village (Walter Reed Gardens)
 Mr. Graf, x4800, 300 Avenue "C", District Heights, Maryland
 Dorothy Sheehy, x3821, 27th Rd. & North Florida Street, Arlington, Va.
 Mrs. E. H. Temin, x5631, 6817 Georgia Ave., N. W.
 J. C. Eiland, 201 North Piedmont Street, Buckingham, Virginia, x3559
 Forest Hall, x4536, 1539 North Taylor Street, Arlington, Va.
 Mrs. Helen S. Baker, x5867, 3829 24th St., N.E.
 Ann W. Johnson, x4952, 1600 Sutter Street, Alexandria, Va.
 Grace Bissette, x5925, 16th & Rhode Island Ave., N. E.
 John Herbert, x4511, 412 Van Buren, University Park
 Mrs. Ethel M. Harding, x2208, 2117 Kennedy St., N. W.
 Planche Bonner, x6098, 4441 South 34th St., Fairlington, Arlington, Va.
 Miss Edna Thompson, x2949, 6991 Livingstone Rd., S. E.
 Nora Woodward, x4433, 4408 Livingstone Road, S. E.
 Gladys Austin, x5128, Bradbury Heights, Md.
 Agnes L. Espey, x370 (BPISAE) from Hyattsville, Md. to Beltsville Plant Ind. Station
 Ilene Chapin, x6265, Colonial Village, Arlington, Va. (Lee or Wilson Blvd.)
 Mrs. Jean Mayhew, x3535, 3310 - 13th St., S.E.
 Miss Marcia Callahan, x5576, Conn. Avenue and Porter St., N. W.
 Mrs. Evans, x3775, Shepherd Street, Mt. Ranier, Md. (Kaywood Gardens)
 Maggie Leavy, x3631, 18th & Columbia Rd., N.W.
 Mrs. Jane Doyle, x4024, Fairfax Village, D.C.

RIDE OR ROTATOR WANTED:

Glenn R. Smith, x2584, 10002 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Md.

RIDERS OR ROTATORS WANTED:

Mr. Craig, x6263, Minnesota Ave., S. E.

ROTATORS WANTED:

Mr. J. T. Corbley, Jr., x2920, 3390 Stuyvesant Place, N. W.
 Mr. Frank Andary, x5311, 5824 North 22nd St. Westover, Arlington, Va. (Near Wash. Blvd.)
 Mr. Schmitt, x2646, 2529 Grub Road, Rock Creek Gardens Apts., Silver Springs, Md.
 Mr. Evans, x2056, from Russell Road, Alexandria near the Cannon

"CONSERVATION - DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL" is the subject of a series of lectures on resources utilization sponsored by the Graduate School. According to a USDA Memorandum signed by Charles F. Brannon, Secretary of Agriculture, the heads of various Department agencies and others in their agencies are invited and urged to attend these series. The series opens on October 4, at 4:30 P.M., Jefferson Auditorium, with a lecture on "Natural Resources in a World of Conflict" by Mr. Paul Nitze, Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs. Second of this series on Monday, October 13, same hour and place, will be given by Dr. E. L. DeGolyer, Consulting Geologist, on the subject "Oil and National Security". On Monday, November 1, 4:30, the third lecture entitled "Outlook for Strategic Minerals" is to be given by Charles K. Leath, Consulting Geologist.

RED FEATURES IN STYLE NOW

"GIVE - Give Enough!" - "Every Gift a Human Lift" are slogans prominently featured on Agriculture Bulletin Boards as the Community Chest Drive gets under way. While it is too early to report how well the drive is going, the persons in charge are confident that the employees' record for giving to the Chest in previous years will be upheld.

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further contributions to the suggestions contained in the forms, can do so at Room 1011, Employees Activities Office.

 AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEES' CREDIT UNION - The Credit Union in Room 5433, South Building, has made arrangements with reliable retailers whereby substantial discounts are available on a rather large list of nationally advertised, standard priced articles. Privilege of buying through the Credit Union, heretofore reserved for CU Members only, is now extended to holders of AERA cards.

Advantage of buying through the CU is that business is channelled to particular stores, records of purchases are kept, and guarantees are faithfully lived up to. Credit arrangements, if necessary, can possibly be made through the CU at the same time.

 THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION has funds available for conservative first trust real estate loans. Employees contemplating purchasing homes or refinancing existing encumbrances may obtain detailed information from H. E. Allanson, TO 6400, Ext. 373 (Plant Industry Station) or J. M. Kemper, Ext. 4441.

 THE AGRICULTURE CAMERA CLUB held a picnic meeting in Rock Creek Park Sunday afternoon, September 26, 1948. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

Plans are under way for a big year. Meetings will probably be held the second Friday of the Month in the Department, starting about 7:30 or 8:00 p.m. Members in South Building will shortly be meeting over luncheon once a month. Interesting speakers in the field of photography will give lectures, demonstrations, and shows for us.

New members joining recently are George Pace, visual specialist for Extension Service, and Homer Pryor, president of the Movie Makers Club. For information regarding meetings, call Helen Koehne, Secretary, X-6078.

The Camera Club will participate in the Variety Show scheduled for October 21 in the Auditorium.

 PURSUIT OF HOBBIES - To all of you folks who overwhelmed our secret ambition department last month with your requests, we can report progress and that, unless you are plugging for a hobby group that is in a class by itself, we will have either an activity club or an instruction class organized within the next few weeks. Bridge classes, as you have already noted, will begin on Tuesday Evening, October 12. Ceramics studies in a sizeable group have already started a course of lessons under Mrs. E. Sherrill. There will be a meeting of persons interested in formation of a horseback riding group sometime within the next coming week. Chess students will be encouraged to learn that an Agriculture Employee, with years of chess experience, has consented to be the instructor for a class which will start as soon as room arrangements and other details can be completed. Weaving classes and leather craft classes will also resume their activities during the coming month. The social dance club, which had a most successful summer program, is still investigating various clubs and halls to find a suitable place for a winter dancing series at the lowest possible prices. Also, the social dancing classes, instructed by Miss Toni DeFelice, Office of Personnel, started with a new series of eight lessons, on September 20, enrollment in the three class groups has reached a total of 59 people.

 ARCEA FOLKS AT BELTSVILLE are continuing their monthly Square Dance Series with another party at the Log Lodge on Friday Night, Oct. 15th, 8:30 P.M. A limited number of tickets to this dance are available at the Employees Activities Office, Room 1011, South Building.

The half-dozen or so people from the South Building who made the trip to the Log Lodge for the opening dance of this series last month had a wonderful time and will be glad to have you join them when they make the trip again this month.

 CONTRACT BRIDGE LESSONS - With Charles A. Lyons - Beginners, Learn the new Rules. Tuesday Nights 6:30 to 8:30 - 4th Wing Cafeteria, October 12 through December 14. 10 Lessons for \$5.00. Enrollment limited. Register and pay class fee at Room 1011S